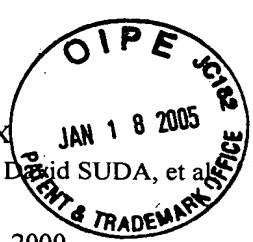


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 Transmitted herewith is an **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT** in the above-identified application.

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In response to the Office Action September 3, 2004, and the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated December 17, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.